

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

February 2007

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## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended February 17, 2007, there were 492,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan during February 2007, a decrease of 900 from January 2007 but 20,600 more than the number employed in February 2006.

Agricultural employment was 41,000 persons in February 2007, down 1,600 from the January 2007 level and 3,000 less than the February 2006 agricultural employment level of 44,000. Non-agricultural employment was 451,500 persons in February 2007. This is an increase of 700 from the January 2007 non-agriculture employment level of 450,800 and 23,600 more than February 2006.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for February 2007 was 4.2 percent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the January 2007 rate of 4.6 percent and 1.6 percentage points lower than the February 2006 level of 5.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 2,800 to 514,300 persons in February 2007 from 517,100 persons in January 2007. This is 13,400 more than the February 2006 labour force of 500,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.4 percentage points to 68.8 percent in February 2007 from 69.2 percent in January 2007. The February 2006 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 67.0 percent.

There were 21,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during February 2007. This is a decrease of 2,000 from January 2007 and is 7,200 less than the number unemployed in February 2006.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 503,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in February 2007, down 1,800 from the January 2007 level of 505,100 but is up 20,700 from the February 2006 employment level of 482,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2007 was 4.0 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the January 2007 rate of 4.1 percent and 1.3 percentage points lower than the February 2006 rate of 5.3 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 74,600 persons in February 2007 to 16,439,500 persons from 16,364,900 persons in January 2007. In February 2006, there were 16,041,700 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to 6.5 percent from the January 2007 level of 6.7 percent. In February 2006, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.1 percent in February 2007. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than January 2007 and 0.2 percentage points lower than the February 2006 level of 6.3 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca)

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	February 2007	January 2007	February 2006	Change from Last Month	Last Year
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	17,574.8	17,547.2	17,200.6	27.6	374.2
Employed ('000)	16,439.5	16,364.9	16,041.7	74.6	397.8
Full-Time ('000)	13,217.1	13,186.8	12,883.2	30.3	333.9
Part-Time ('000)	3,222.4	3,178.1	3,158.5	44.3	63.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,135.3	1,182.3	1,158.9	-47.0	-23.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.7	6.7	-0.2	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.1	6.2	6.3	-0.1	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.5	66.5	66.0	0.0	0.5
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	514.3	517.1	500.9	-2.8	13.4
Employed ('000)	492.5	493.4	471.9	-0.9	20.6
Full-Time ('000)	387.7	394.3	372.0	-6.6	15.7
Part-Time ('000)	104.8	99.0	99.9	5.8	4.9
Unemployed ('000)	21.8	23.8	29.0	-2.0	-7.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.6	5.8	-0.4	-1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.0	4.1	5.3	-0.1	-1.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	69.2	67.0	-0.4	1.8
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	1,987.9	1,975.9	1,872.4	12.0	115.5
Employed ('000)	1,916.7	1,901.9	1,812.8	14.8	103.9
Full-Time ('000)	1,595.9	1,585.1	1,476.7	10.8	119.2
Part-Time ('000)	320.8	316.8	336.1	4.0	-15.3
Unemployed ('000)	71.2	74.0	59.6	-2.8	11.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	3.7	3.2	-0.1	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.5	3.3	3.2	0.2	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	73.4	73.1	71.9	0.3	1.5
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	610.9	611.0	605.7	-0.1	5.2
Employed ('000)	582.6	579.8	577.6	2.8	5.0
Full-Time ('000)	463.0	462.4	453.8	0.6	9.2
Part-Time ('000)	119.6	117.3	123.7	2.3	-4.1
Unemployed ('000)	28.3	31.3	28.2	-3.0	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	5.1	4.7	-0.5	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.3	4.6	4.3	-0.3	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	68.3	68.0	0.0	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	February <u>2007</u>	January <u>2007</u>	February <u>2006</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	514.3	517.1	500.9	-2.8	13.4
Male	275.2	274.5	267.2	0.7	8.0
Female	239.1	242.6	233.7	-3.5	5.4
15-24 Years of Age	96.1	96.6	87.4	-0.5	8.7
25+ Years of age	418.3	420.5	413.6	-2.2	4.7
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	492.5	493.4	471.9	-0.9	20.6
Male	261.8	260.7	250.7	1.1	11.1
Female	230.7	232.7	221.3	-2.0	9.4
15-24 Years of Age	88.4	87.5	78.3	0.9	10.1
25+ Years of age	404.2	405.9	393.6	-1.7	10.6
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	21.8	23.8	29.0	-2.0	-7.2
Male	13.5	13.9	16.5	-0.4	-3.0
Female	8.4	9.9	12.5	-1.5	-4.1
15-24 Years of Age	7.7	9.2	9.1	-1.5	-1.4
25+ Years of age	14.1	14.6	19.9	-0.5	-5.8
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	4.2	4.6	5.8	-0.4	-1.6
Male	4.9	5.1	6.2	-0.2	-1.3
Female	3.5	4.1	5.3	-0.6	-1.8
15-24 Years of Age	8.0	9.5	10.4	-1.5	-2.4
25+ Years of age	3.4	3.5	4.8	-0.1	-1.4
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	68.8	69.2	67.0	-0.4	1.8
Female	74.7	74.5	72.5	0.2	2.2
15-24 Years of Age	63.1	64.1	61.7	-1.0	1.4
25+ Years of age	70.0	70.4	63.2	-0.4	6.8
	68.6	69.0	67.9	-0.4	0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	February 2007	January 2007	February 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	41.0	42.6	44.0	-1.6	-3.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	23.6	22.9	21.3	0.7	2.3
Utilities	3.4	4.0	4.5	-0.6	-1.1
Construction	26.9	27.5	25.3	-0.6	1.6
Manufacturing	28.3	28.3	30.2	0.0	-1.9
Trade	84.1	82.4	76.1	1.7	8.0
Transportation and Warehousing	24.4	25.4	26.1	-1.0	-1.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.1	24.9	25.4	1.2	0.7
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	19.7	20.1	17.3	-0.4	2.4
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.1	10.9	12.8	-0.8	-2.7
Educational Services	42.2	41.6	38.3	0.6	3.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	62.4	64.6	55.9	-2.2	6.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.8	18.6	18.0	-0.8	-0.2
Accommodation and Food Services	31.4	30.0	28.3	1.4	3.1
Other Services	24.9	23.3	21.3	1.6	3.6
Public Administration	26.4	26.2	27.0	0.2	-0.6
Total	492.5	493.4	471.9	-0.9	20.6
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	387.7	394.3	372.0	-6.6	15.7
Part-Time	104.8	99.0	99.9	5.8	4.9
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	400.6	398.2	378.2	2.4	22.4
Public Sector	121.4	123.0	118.8	-1.6	2.6
Private Sector	279.2	275.3	259.4	3.9	19.8
Self-Employed	91.9	95.1	93.8	-3.2	-1.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February <u>2007</u>	January <u>2007</u>	February <u>2006</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,439.5	16,364.9	16,041.7	74.6	397.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	203.0	198.6	199.9	4.4	3.1
Prince Edward Island	64.8	64.8	63.6	0.0	1.2
Nova Scotia	433.6	432.4	423.7	1.2	9.9
New Brunswick	344.7	342.4	342.4	2.3	2.3
Quebec	3,720.3	3,701.1	3,667.5	19.2	52.8
Ontario	6,460.0	6,437.2	6,340.6	22.8	119.4
Manitoba	582.6	579.8	577.6	2.8	5.0
Saskatchewan	492.5	493.4	471.9	-0.9	20.6
Alberta	1,916.7	1,901.9	1,812.8	14.8	103.9
British Columbia	2,221.2	2,213.4	2,141.7	7.8	79.5
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.5	6.7	6.7	-0.2	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.8	18.1	16.7	-2.3	-0.9
Prince Edward Island	12.9	13.9	14.0	-1.0	-1.1
Nova Scotia	8.5	8.9	9.5	-0.4	-1.0
New Brunswick	7.5	8.8	10.6	-1.3	-3.1
Quebec	8.6	8.8	8.9	-0.2	-0.3
Ontario	6.4	6.6	6.3	-0.2	0.1
Manitoba	4.6	5.1	4.7	-0.5	-0.1
Saskatchewan	4.2	4.6	5.8	-0.4	-1.6
Alberta	3.6	3.7	3.2	-0.1	0.4
British Columbia	4.4	4.8	5.2	-0.4	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>Dec-Feb</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Nov-Jan</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Dec-Feb</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	7.5	7.4	8.9	0.1	-1.4
Halifax	4.7	4.4	5.6	0.3	-0.9
Saint John	4.9	5.0	5.4	-0.1	-0.5
Quebec	6.5	6.1	6.2	0.4	0.3
Montreal	7.7	7.7	9.7	0.0	-2.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.4	5.6	4.9	-0.2	0.5
Greater Sudbury	5.7	5.9	7.7	-0.2	-2.0
Toronto	6.1	6.0	6.3	0.1	-0.2
Winnipeg	4.9	4.9	4.3	0.0	0.6
Regina	4.3	4.4	5.3	-0.1	-1.0
Saskatoon	3.9	3.4	5.5	0.5	-1.6
Calgary	3.4	2.9	4.0	0.5	-0.6
Edmonton	3.7	3.9	4.1	-0.2	-0.4
Vancouver	4.1	4.3	4.8	-0.2	-0.7
Victoria	2.9	3.1	3.8	-0.2	-0.9
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	149.3	150.2	142.0	-0.9	7.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.3	53.9	52.3	0.4	2.0
Saskatoon-Biggar	160.4	160.8	147.3	-0.4	13.1
Yorkton-Melville	39.4	39.2	40.8	0.2	-1.4
Prince Albert & Northern	91.1	92.2	90.0	-1.1	1.1

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 6

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY  
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Dec-Feb 2007	Nov-Jan 2007	Dec-Feb 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	515.2	515.9	499.4	-0.7	15.8
Employed ('000)	492.9	494.8	471.4	-1.9	21.5
Unemployed ('000)	22.3	21.1	27.9	1.2	-5.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.1	5.6	0.2	-1.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	69.1	66.8	-0.1	2.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.0	66.3	63.0	-0.3	3.0
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	476.7	477.1	462.7	-0.4	14.0
Employed ('000)	458.9	460.4	441.0	-1.5	17.9
Unemployed ('000)	17.9	16.6	21.7	1.3	-3.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.5	4.7	0.2	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	69.4	67.1	-0.1	2.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.7	67.0	63.9	-0.3	2.8
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	38.5	38.8	36.7	-0.3	1.8
Employed ('000)	34.1	34.4	30.4	-0.3	3.7
Unemployed ('000)	4.4	4.5	6.2	-0.1	-1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.5	11.5	17.0	0.0	-5.5
Participation Rate (%)	64.9	65.6	63.2	-0.7	1.7
Employment Rate (%)	57.5	58.1	52.5	-0.6	5.0
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	15.7	15.6	14.4	0.1	1.3
Employed ('000)	13.7	13.5	10.5	0.2	3.2
Unemployed ('000)	2.0	2.1	3.9	-0.1	-1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.7	13.2	27.2	-0.5	-14.5
Participation Rate (%)	58.4	57.9	54.6	0.5	3.8
Employment Rate (%)	51.0	50.3	39.7	0.7	11.3
<b><u>MÉTIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	22.7	23.3	22.3	-0.6	0.4
Employed ('000)	20.3	20.9	19.9	-0.6	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.5	10.3	10.4	0.2	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.3	72.0	70.5	-1.7	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	62.9	64.6	63.2	-1.7	-0.3

## Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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